GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN ELECTRONIC MEDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to help Afghanistan in reviving its TV & Radio services;

(b) if so, the details of the help to be extended ; and

(c) the amount to be spent thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(c) Government of India has extended humanitarian relief and reconstruction assistance to the Interim Administration of Afghanistan. During the visit of H.E. Hamid Karzai to India on 26-27 February, 2002 several areas of bilateral cooperation were identified. These included Health, Education, Information Technology, Industrial development, Public Transport and Training. As part of our commitment to assist Afghanistan, government is also considering proposals for cooperation in other areas, including in electronic media.